

### **Announcement for Financial Resources Meeting on March 9, 2007**

Thank you for your interest and participation in last Friday's financial resources meeting. It was a good first step in addressing the funding needs for County planning priorities. The next meeting will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bitterroot Public Library meeting room.

The potential sources of funding or support that were identified last meeting include: fee increases; Fish, Wildlife, and Parks planning grant; cooperation with a new FWP planner; a mill levy; federal appropriations; private donations; Brainerd Foundation; Elk Foundation; Sonoran Institute; and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Archie Thomas, Dave Schultz, Jim Rokosch, and Kathleen Driscoll agreed to further explore the potential of acquiring private donations and the mechanisms to keep that process open and transparent.

Phil Connelly volunteered to look into levy mechanisms and how they work.

I am happy to work with anyone who has grant ideas.

The Planning Department will be working on developing a detailed budget with defined deliverables. Also, we will start tracking volunteer hours for various projects so we will have that information if needed in the future.

Please contact the Planning Department with questions or if it can help with anything.

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